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PAIR HOSPITALIZED AFTER TIFF

City Firemen Pull Woman From Flames

A WALTERIA couple was hospitalized and their home suffered heavy fire damage yesterday as the result of an altercation which began Friday evening over opening of a bedroom window.

Police said Everett Altizer, 51, of 3421 Newton St., and his wife, Jeanette, 61 had apparently begun arguing when Altizer wanted to open a bedroom window before retiring.

By the time police were called to the home yesterday, Altizer had suffered a deep knife wound along his right arm, his wife had received severe head contusions, and fires had been started in several rooms of the home.

MRS. ALTIZER, who told Detectives Lonnie Brown and Sam Piazza that she started the fires with kerosene, had to be brought out of the house by force. Firemen found her hiding in a closet.

Police were called to the scene yesterday morning after Altizer went across the street to a neighbor's home, bleeding profusely.

A call for assistance came when police learned the man had been cut in a struggle with his wife.

IT WAS AT that time that signs of fire began to appear at the Altizer home and firemen were called to the scene. Officer Richard Thompson entered the back door of the home and encountered Mrs. Altizer standing in the smoke-filled room threatening to throw herself into the flames if he came any closer.

Firemen wearing masks found her a few minutes later, hiding in a bedroom closet.

FIRES HAD BEEN started on mattresses in two bedrooms, and at the front entrance to the home.

Fire Marshal Robert Lucas estimated damage to the home later at about \$1000.

Police found the interior of the home had been divested of gas and electricity outlets, and door hinges, water faucets, and other fixtures had been covered with black paper and friction tape.

THE COUPLE apparently used kerosene lamps for light but police were unable to determine immediately how the cooking was accomplished. The electric refrigerator was empty.

Altizer was admitted to Harbor General Hospital for treatment and his wife was transferred to Los Angeles County General Hospital for observation.

Bloodmobile To Be Here On Thursday

The Red Cross community bloodmobile will be located at American Legion Hall, 1109 Border Ave. next Thursday from 2:30 to 7 p.m., it was announced by Mrs. Robert Orsini, blood recruitment chairman.

Mrs. Orsini reported that several groups and organizations will be donating blood to build up their "group blood accounts." Industrial groups, fraternal and church organizations, school groups, and employees of local business firms are expected to participate.

Mrs. Orsini pointed out that individuals also may donate to replace blood which has already been used by family or friends to establish their "blood accounts."

The chairman stressed that it was very important to make appointments inasmuch as the bloodmobile is limited in the number of donors it may accommodate. Appointments may be made by telephoning Mrs. Orsini, FAirfax 8-0647.

Realignment of Carson St. Asked

Residents near Torrance High School have joined school officials in a bid to open Carson St. through the park in front of the school administration building. A petition bearing 14 signatures will be presented to the city council Tuesday.

Motor Officer Adds Bees to Hazards of Job

Add hazards of being a motorcycle traffic officer: bees.

Officer James D. Kirby, riding traffic patrol on Pacific Coast Hwy., was faced with such a problem. He was west of Calle Mayor on the heavily traveled highway when a bee got under his fiber helmet.

"I was going too fast to take my hands off of the handlebars, and I was in no position to stop quickly," he told his colleagues later.

By the time he could stop, the bee had departed, leaving his stinger in Kirby's right temple.

The officer stopped at a service station where the stinger was removed.

He's busy now telling people it's not a shiner but a bee sting that puffs up his right eye and temple area.



ANTI-METER SUPPORT . . . Norman Fazekas, manager of Dale's Self-Service Department Store, holds bundles of petitions asking for removal of parking meters in downtown Torrance while Mrs. Donald Wolf, of 22910 Cabrillo Ave., adds her signature to the growing list. Looking on is Mrs. Wolf's daughter, Mary. The petitions will be submitted to the city council soon for its consideration. (Herald photo)



PROMOTED . . . Appointment of Donald E. Rice, former superintendent of the plant here, as vice president—operations for the Columbia-Geneva Division of U. S. Steel was announced this week by L. J. Westhaver, executive vice president for the division. Rice has been general manager of operations for the firm since 1957.

Friday Deadline

Final Push Due In Chest Drive

In a message to all Community Chest workers in Torrance and throughout the greater Los Angeles area, Ed Mills, chairman of the 1959 campaign, gives five points to make Los Angeles a "big league" town along with Cleveland, Detroit, Pittsburgh and many other Community Chests which are already "over the top."

Latest returns from campaign headquarters show that Torrance is now in second place in the Harbor Area for overall collection percentage. With \$22,813 collected for 80.32 per cent of its quota it trails Gardena by just over 2 per cent.

The commerce and industry campaign, directed by unit chairman Ray Vida, has gone very well, and the Torrance percentages, both for employee pledges and firm gifts, are among the best in the Harbor Area.

THE NORTH TORRANCE residential unit still leads the bring in enough runs to make \$11,200,000. The bases are filled, the money is there; all you need to do is ask for the order. Let's make Los Angeles the 'big league' town with a big heart.

November Building Put at \$1,333,800

Building permits issued in Torrance during the month of November reached a total of \$1,333,801 to continue the pace for the year, figures compiled by the city showed this week.

Included in the November projects started were 13 dwellings, eight commercial buildings, four industrial buildings, and a large number of additions, alterations, and repairs to dwellings.



HURT IN MELEE . . . A Torrance fireman helps Everett Altizer cross the street in front of his home after he had fled with knife wounds after a family argument. His wife, Jeanette, 61, was brought from the couple's burning home by other firemen. (Herald photo)

Savings Cited

New Court Plan Given to Board

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, chairman of the courts committee of the Board of Supervisors, said yesterday that Judge William Rosenthal of the Municipal Court has presented a plan to the Board of Supervisors for creation of a single municipal court system for Los Angeles County which will save taxpayers at least \$5 million over the next 10 years.

In a meeting at the Courthouse this week, the plan was overwhelmingly approved by the Municipal Court judges.

Hahn said the plan calls for consolidation of 23 municipal court districts into one single justice court district into one single Municipal Court system for Los Angeles County.

"Each of these 26 court districts now is independent, and has its own presiding judge, its own clerks, its own system of keeping records and books," Hahn said.

"IN ADDITION to saving substantial sums of money each year, the plan will increase revenue and will improve the administration of justice," he continued.

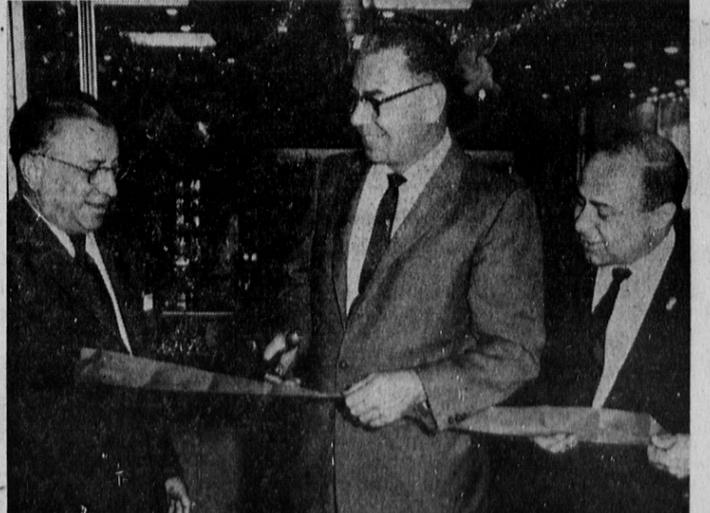
Hahn explained that consolidation of the courts will make it possible one central traffic bureau court.

"This will mean at least \$3 million in additional revenue returned to the county and cities each year because the judges will have records of previous traffic violations and will take that into consideration in imposing fines. Under the present system of 23 separate municipal courts that can not be done," he continued.

OTHER SAVINGS will include at least a \$50,000 reduction in the cost of messenger service and \$75,000 through the elimination of red tape

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SUNDAY SHOPPING . . . A group of leading downtown Torrance merchants plan to open their places of business from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each Sunday until Christmas for the convenience of area shoppers. J. H. Paget, Newberry's Torrance store manager, cuts ribbon launching program, while Abe Robinson and Dave Tanner, Lawson Jewelry store, assist. (Herald photo)

A Penny for your Thoughts

After two school children were injured in a crossing at Fern and Torrance Blvd. last week this question was asked the guard and four of the children who use this crossing. "What do you think is the most important crossing safety rule?"

Mrs. Ruth Ballard, crossing guard at Fern and Torrance Blvd.:

"I think the most important safety rule is caution on the part of the motorist. I have been a guard on this crossing for seven years and believe I know the situation. We should have lights like the ones at Crenshaw and Torrance Blvd. and they should be on all of the time."

David Surber, third grade Fern school student:

"We are taught by Mrs. Ballard to wait for her to tell us to cross the street, but I think the most important rule is to watch the traffic while we are crossing. Too many cars go past the red light when we are crossing."

Kris Wallace, third grade student:

"I think the most important safety rule is to watch drivers before crossing the street. I saw truck hit Deborah Flemons and Daniel Peterson. It skidded through the cross walk and hit them."

Joyce Grimm, fifth grade student:

"The most important rule when crossing the street is not to run, but to walk like Mrs. Ballard tells us to do. She tells us to watch the cars and not to rely on the signals entirely."

Mary Herman, fifth grade student:

"I think the best rule is to watch both ways when crossing the street. I think the cars go too fast and the drivers do not pay enough attention. I think they should not pass cars that are stopped."

Kiwanis Club to Note Anniversary

The 34th anniversary party of the Kiwanis Club will be held at the Palms Monday evening, Dec. 14, it was announced yesterday by President "Johnny" Johnson.

At presidents and widows past presidents will be among the guests honored by the club that evening, Johnson

Palms has been selected as the permanent meeting place for the club.



GIVES THE TAKE . . . Archie Grove, proprietor of Archie's Coffee Shop, 174th and Crenshaw, hands over a check for \$100 (the take from 1,000 cups of coffee) to North Torrance Community Chest residential chairman, Mrs. Richard Gerald, (left), Mrs. Frank Oldt, Community Chest section chairman. Mrs. Richard Gerald (left), North Torrance residential chairman, holds trophy to be awarded unit with highest quota. (Herald photo)